

A Page of History, November, 1918

Towards the end of November 1918 a note came from the militia department showing what has been accomplished from a military point of view by the Dominion since the beginning of the war.

"When Canada entered the war on August 4, 1914, she had a permanent force of only 3000 men and an active militia of 60,000.

When hostilities ceased on November 11, 1918, Canada had sent overseas, 418,980 soldiers.

At first Canada supplied a division. This was increased until by 1916 she had in France an army corps of four divisions, a cavalry brigade, and numerous other services, such as line of communication troops, railway troops and forestry corps.

On September 30, 1918, the Canadian troops in France numbered 156,250. The cavalry brigade included a strong draft furnished by the Royal North-west Mounted Police.

"The Canadians engaged in the United Kingdom and France in operating railway lines and in cutting down forests and milling the timber numbered about 50,000.

"Of the Royal Air forces some 14,000 or 15,000 were raised and trained in Canada; in addition many joined the Royal Air Force after going overseas in Canadian expeditionary forces.

"On October 31, 1918, the casualties numbered more than 211,000. There have been more than 50,000 deaths, 152,000 have been wounded, and when

hostilities ceased the prisoners of war numbered 2,800.

"The roll of Canadian battles is:

"1915, second battle of Ypres (April and May).

"1916, St. Eloi (April 3 to 19).

"Sanctuary Wood (June 2 and 3).

"Hooge (June 5, 6, 13 and 14).

"Battle of Somme (September, October and November).

"1917, battle of Vimy Ridge (April 9 and 13).

"Battle of Arleux and Fresnoy (April 28 and 29, May 3).

"Battle of Lens (June).

"Battle of Hill No. 70 (August 15).

"Battle of Passchendaele (October 25, November 10).

1918, second battle of Somme (March and April).

"Battle of Amiens (August 12).

"Capture of Monchy le Preux (August 26, 28).

"Breaking of Queant-Drocourt line (September 3 and 4).

"Crossing of Canal du Nord and Bourslon Wood (September 27, 29).

"Encirclement and capture of Cambrai (October 1 and 9).

"Capture of Douai (October 20).

"Encirclement and capture of Valenciennes (October 25 and November 2).

"Advance and capture of Mons (November 7, 11)."



The Latest Abdication--Drawn by Norman Hawkins



A Christmas Card

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